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95% of forest watcher positions in Bengaluru circle lying vacant; 167 of 175 posts have no incumbents. Who's guarding the forest?

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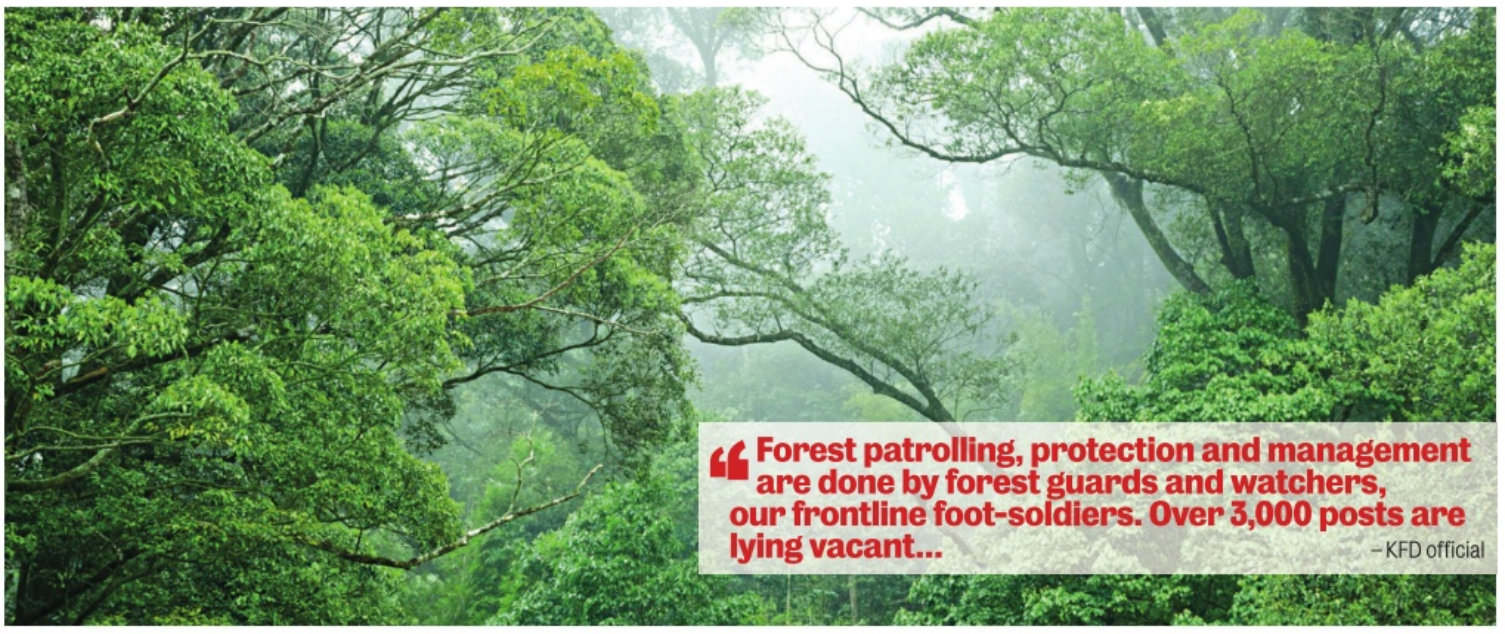
83% of forest watcher vacancies yet to be filled in Karnataka



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Over 46% of the total sanctioned posts in Bengaluru circle of the Karnataka Forest Department are lying vacant, BM has found out.

While the total number of sanctioned positions in the circle is 804, as many as 367 posts were unoccupied as of July 19, 2022. Out of the total vacant positions, 38 posts have been defined as critical.

The vacancies are of deputy range forest officers (DRFO), forest guards (FG) and forest watchers (FW). About 16% of the posts of DRFOs and about 42% of FGs are lying vacant.

The situation is quite alarming when it comes to vacancies of FWs. Bengaluru circle has 95% of the positions under this category lying vacant at present. While the total number of posts available is 175, as many as 167 posts have no incumbents.

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After mass complaints, BBMP takes action

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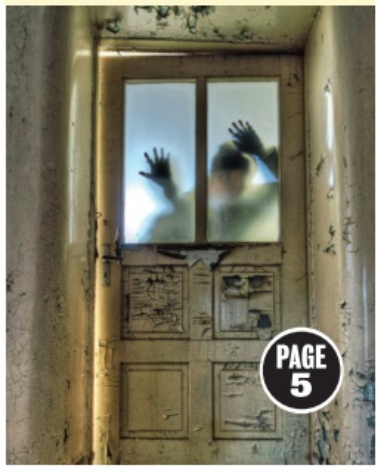
'City saw highest kidnap for ransom cases'



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01 Aadhe Adhure

Check out a thought-provoking play 'Aadhe Adhure' by Kathputliyan Theatre Group (KTG) and written by late Mr Mohan Rakesh, almost five decades ago. The play has been adapted from the original script into the current context by Zafer Mohiuddin because the nature of relationships remains the same no matter the changing times. It deals with dysfunctional families in urban India, very relevant in current times.
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When: Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30 pm
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03 Art in flux

Vasantha Art Gallery (VAG), at Grand Mercure Gopalan Mall presents "Kalpa", a body of works by artist Bodhi Selvam & A Mathew Raj. The central theme is of Kalpa -- a duration of time covering a complete cosmic cycle from the creation to the dissolution of a world system.
Where: Vasantha Art Gallery (VAG), Swamy Vivekananda Road; When: Till Sep 15, 11 am – 7 pm
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Halasuru's plea for a quiet Ganesha festival

Residents living near Halasuru Lake say noise pollution is unbearable due to loudspeakers fitted on vehicles taking idols for immersion every year

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Come Ganesh Chaturthi, and residents of Annaswamy Mudaliar Road will be compelled to undergo trauma and suffer sleeplessness due to the noise pollution caused by loudspeakers fitted on vehicles that bring Ganesh idols for immersion at Halasuru Lake.

Residents allege that the longer the time given for immersion of the idols, more is the suffering for the people living near Halasuru Lake.

They demand the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities and police officers to fix the time for immersion of Ganesha idols and strictly implement it to avoid not only noise pollution but also help the residents to have sound sleep at nights during the festival.

"We are not against immersion of the idols at the lake. We want the organisations or volunteers to avoid fixing loudspeakers or music equipment to the vehicles that carry the idols for immersion. We have to suffer a lot due to noise pollution," said Sekhar C, a resident of Annaswamy Mudaliar Road.

The residents said the authorities are known for forgetting the norms as soon as those norms are announced.

"Most of the workers engaged in immersion of Ganesha idols will be in an inebriated condition. The volunteers delay the immersion of Ganesha idols on one or the pretext. The problem with them is they compete among themselves to use loudspeakers. The decibel level will be around 200 db," said Halasuru Rising secretary Kumar D.

V Purushotham, a member of Halasuru Rising said that police do not bother the rules or norms announced by the Commissioner of Police. "I happened to complain to the jurisdictional police station last year about noise pollution caused by the volunteers who brought Ganesha idols for immersion but the police were apathetic even to answer my phone call," said Purushotham.

Emphasising the need of regulating immersion of Ganesha idols at Halasuru Lake, Dr Ushy Mohan Das said the roads are already in terrible condition and now there is no need for sound pollution and the BBMP authorities and traffic police have to be more vigilant and penalise those violate the norms. "The volunteers must use recyclable or organic Ganesh idols and limit the use of public roads at busy areas. They cannot block or obstruct with erecting pandals. The authorities should and must ban use of loudspeakers playing jarring music throughout the day and night," said Dr Ushy Mohan Das.

Halasuru Lake is famous for idol immersions during Ganesh Chaturthi and decibel norms are openly flouted (file image)

Allocated water bodies for immersion
East Zone: Halasuru Lake
South Zone: Yediyur Lake and FCI Layout
West Zone: Sankey Tank
Mahadevapura Zone: B Narayanapura Lake, Vibhuthipura Lake, Chalkere, Kalkere, Medahalli Lake, Kadugodi Kashi Vishwanatha Temple, Varthur Kodi, Madhurambika Temple, Vagdevi Vilas Road, Kaikondrahalli Lake, and Devarabeesanahalli Lake.
Dasarahalli Zone: Chokkasandra Lake
Bommanahalli Zone: Kudlu Doddakere, Singasandra Lake, Arakere Lake.
RR Nagar Zone: Madavara Lake, Herohalli Lake, Ullal Lake, Dubasipalya Lake, Gandhinagara Lake, Konasandra Lake, and JP Park Playground.
Yelahanka Zone: Hebbal Lake, Yelahanka Lake, Attur Lake, Allalasandra Lake, Kogilu Lake, Jakkur Lake, Rachenahalli Lake, Sahakara Nagar Ganesh Temple, Doddabommasandra Lake, BEL Layout (Raghavendra Swamy Mutt) Kuvempunagar, and Singapura Lake.

A decade-old tradition of eco-friendly Ganesh Chaturthi

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Eco-friendly and sustainable Ganesha idols may be the hottest trend in Bengaluru and beyond, but for the residents of one apartment complex tucked away in Panathur, environment-friendly practices have been the way of life for nearly a decade.

At Parimala Trinity, the residents have been celebrating Ganesha Chaturthi in an eco-friendly way year after year and their idols also get a unique touch every time.

A few years ago, the residents came together and made idols with 60,000 Panchamukhi Rudraksha beads which were bought from Nepal. The idol was fully wrapped with the beads which make it look different and even attracted a crowd from nearby apartments.

Another year, Ganesha was made with 1,700 small Swetarka Ganesha idols shipped from famous Vinayaka temple at Kanipakam in Chittoor district in Andhra Pradesh.

The 1,700 small idols were glued and stuck with iron rods. After the festival, the idols were taken out and given it to the nearby neighbourhood who could either keep it at home or immerse it.

"The idea is to go green every year. We do not want to use PoP. We call all the children of the apartment and engage them in the activity, with this, even they understand the need of being eco-friendly," said Raghavendra J, resident of Parimala Trinity Apartment.

One of the idols installed at the apartment society's celebrations in the past

This year, the residents are using clay idols and have added sequins to it. "Even if we immerse the idols, the clay will dissolve and leave the sequins behind. We will use the sequins for other purposes. The sequins are also eco-friendly," said Raghavendra.

Plastic is another strict no-no. "We are against plastic essentials during festival celebrations and now, we almost achieved using no plastic on regular days. When we serve Prasadham, we strictly use our own steel plates and biogradable accessories," he added.

Fire-proof buildings: Know the norms, folks

Fire & Emergency Service personnel conduct drive to identify buildings flouting fire norms

Fire Service officials will inspect documents during the drive

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The Fire and Emergency Services personnel are conducting a state-wide drive to identify buildings that have violated approved plans from the civic authorities in Bengaluru as well as other districts.

The Fire Service personnel are making a list of buildings that have deviated from the approved plans and have built additional floors without the knowledge of the civic authorities. According to fire officials, any building that is 14.99 metre tall would fall under the category of low-rise building and buildings that are either 15 metres or above will be categorised into high-rise building where they have to make sure that fire safety systems are installed and the system should work efficiently at any given point of time.

The owner(s) concerned would have to approach the Fire Services for renewal every two years and get the NOCs and CCs. The fire officials will inspect the building and will make a report that all norms have been complied and if needed would mention further recommendations, and then would issue the NOC and later the CC.

As per the government order dated July 7, 2011, the High Court of Karnataka had ordered civic authorities and other agencies to identify high-rise buildings in the state and make sure fire safety systems are in place based on a writ petition after the Carlton Tower Tragedy on February 23, 2010.

In the Carlton Tower Tragedy nine people had lost their lives. A voluntary organisation: Beyond Carlton, had filed a PIL requesting the court to direct the authorities to ensure that all fire safety norms are followed in high-rise buildings.

On Monday, residents and owners of commercial establishments of Richmond Town and Shanthinagar received a surprise visit by senior officials from the Fire and Emergency Services who demanded to see documents like the approved plan of the buildings along with No-Objection-Certificates (NOCs) and Clearance Certificates (CCs). The officials found

> **Officials are empowered to disconnect power and water supply to fire-prone buildings**
>
> –a senior official

several buildings that have violated the sanctioned plans and have deviated by constructing additional floors.

"According to the government order, the officials are even empowered to disconnect electricity to such buildings, and even can refer to the BWSSB/Water Board to disconnect water supply too. Officials are also empowered to write to the BBMP recommending for the cancellation of the occupancy certificate of such buildings," a senior fire official told Bangalore Mirror.

"The state-wide drive is happening in a phased manner from Bidar to Chamarajnagar and from Mangaluru to Kolar," the officer added.

2 foreign nationals booked for assaulting cops

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Chaos ensured on Brigade Road in the wee hours of Monday when two drunk female African nationals created a ruckus and beat up two patrolling police officers who were on duty.

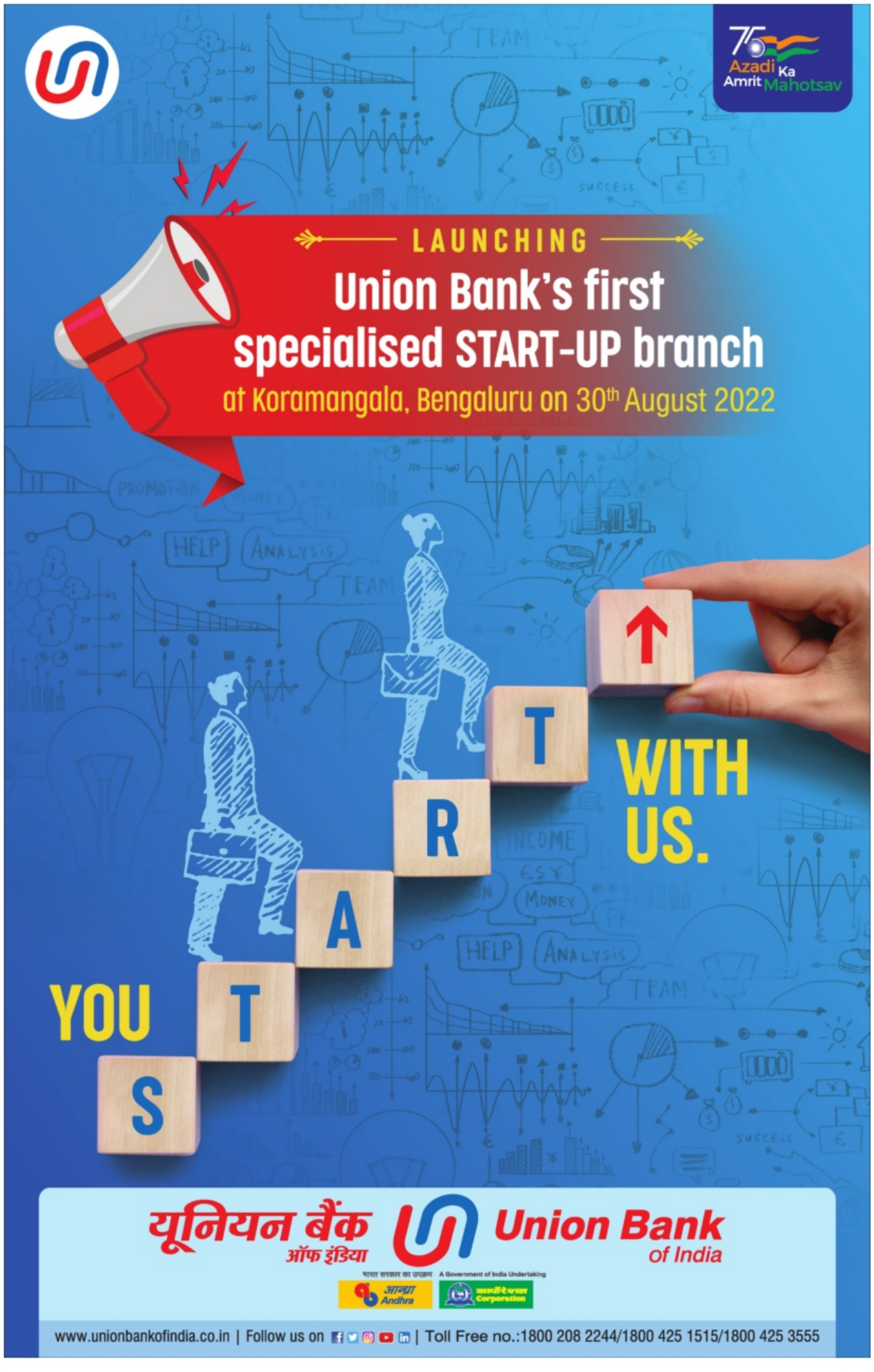
The accused had gone to dine at a pub on Brigade Road and came out drunk at around 1.30 am and created ruckus on the footpath. The patrolling police stopped, by them and asked them to leave for their homes. As the women did not listen, the cops tried to disperse them for which the duo started arguing with the police in filthy language.

Heated arguments ensued and, in the melee, the two women assaulted a head constable and later, an assistant sub-inspector who tried to intervene. The patrolling police reported the matter to the control room asking for backup. Cubbon Park police rushed to the spot and detained the women and took them to the hospital for medical examination.

> **A head constable and an assistant sub-inspector were assaulted by the two women**

The medical examination confirmed them to be intoxicated and booked them for assaulting policemen on duty. The duo has been issued notices asking them to appear for questioning later during the day along with their travel documents like passport and visa.

"The duo did not have any travel documents nor did they share any information about the nature of their visa," a police officer added.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Kanakapura citizens point to 'flexible' flaw

Infuriated residents of Kanakapura Road file mass complaints against flex posters; say BBMP removes them but does not take action against offenders

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BBMP removed the flex banners from Kanakapura Road on Monday after receiving mass complaints from the residents on the Sahaaya app

Frustrated by the inaction against illegal flex boards, the residents of Kanakapura Road, Ward 198 lodged mass complaints to put pressure on Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Though the banners were removed after the complaints on Monday, no action was taken against the offenders. Residents say that despite there being laws against flex boards in the city, it is a recurring issue in the area.

VK Srivatsa, a resident and secretary of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road (CMKR) told Bangalore Mirror that local political leaders have been putting up flex boards for their birthdays and other festivals.

"Every Saturday we have a cleanup drive in the area where the residents and BBMP take part. We remove these flex boards every week, but they reappear in the next few days. We first complained to the authorities on August 21 when birthday banners were put up on the roads. After the complaints, BBMP removed the flex boards but new flex boards were put up on August 24 for an ex-corporators birthday," said VK Srivatsa.

Residents informed that BBMP uses garbage trucks to remove these flex banners which affects the garbage collection in the area for that day. After the birthday banners were removed on August 26, the residents were again enraged to see flex banners for Ganesh Utsav being put up just two days later.

"We finally lodged a mass complaint on the Sahaaya app. Almost 25-30 residents of the area complained to the authorities about the recurring issue. Though the authorities swung to action soon after and the boards were removed, no action was taken against the people. Unless there are strict actions taken against these offenders, illegal activities like these will keep happening in the city," a resident of Kanakapura Road said.

The provisions of the Karnataka Municipalities Act (KMC) 1976, and the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention Disfigurement) Act 1981 prohibit the use of flex banners in the state. In the past, BBMP has done several drives to remove illegal flex boards across the city but the issue persists.

BBMP Assistant Revenue Officer, Devaraj told Bangalore Mirror that they have alerted the police about the issue. "We removed the flex banners on Monday without any cooperation from the BBMP engineering department. We have removed them several times in the past but they keep putting them on again. This is all that we can do in our authority. More than that, the engineering department should also take responsibility for the matter," the ARO said.

Parked school buses on roads irk B'lureans

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Areas like HSR layout, RT Nagar and Residency Road have school buses and vans parked on the roads taking up more than half of the space

What might be a common sight in many localities in the city are school buses parked on roads. These buses take up most of the space making movement difficult for residents and commuters. Many residents from the HSR Layout complained about a private school parking their school buses on the residential layout at the 17B main HSR Layout occupying half of the road. The residents also alleged that the buses are parked during the whole week and on holidays. Despite several complaints to the traffic police, there has been no relief.

Bangalore Mirror reported on how pedestrians are facing trouble as footpaths in many school zones are occupied by school vans

Kavitha Reddy, resident of HSR layout said, "This has been a problem for years. We have raised this issue many times in the resident welfare association meetings and even brought it to the notice of the traffic police, however, nothing has changed and it is problematic for other vehicles to pass through. The schools should park the vehicles inside their premises or rather look for a new stop."

The same stretch has another college, the students park their vehicles outside the college, blocking traffic movement. "With half of the road blocked due to the school and college, the residents are facing a problem. Even family and friends who come to visit us have no place to park as the entire parking is taken up by the school vans," said Reddy.

The residents of RT Nagar face a similar issue. "Many buses are parked on the residential layout. Residents don't have their own space to park on the stretches. We have asked the drivers to move and park the buses inside the school, but it's not done. Schools do not allow parents' vehicles to come inside the premises, but they can park vehicles on the road," said Apoorva Gowda, a resident.

Many commuters told Bangalore Mirror that a similar situation is seen on Residency Road. "When people are fined for violating traffic rules, then even the schools should be fined for illegal parking," said Vinay Kumar, a commuter. While for the HSR Layout residents, Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) took action and asked the school to remove the buses. "The BTP warned the school to move the buses, and the buses were moved from the spot. However, this might happen again. BTP needs to carry out strict enforcement," said a resident.

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Sahakar Nagar

On this turning to Sahakar Nagar from the Airport Road an accident is waiting to happen because of the open sewer.

Abandoned car

Basavanagar

This abandoned car has been there for the past two years near Talacauvery layout 7th Cross Near Basavanagar Bus Stop.

Road peril

Kengeri

The Road Under Bridge (RUB) condition opposite RV Engineering college on Mysore Road is pathetic and it cannot be used.

With 811 cases, B'luru is South India's kidnap capital

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Bengaluru accounts for the maximum kidnapping and abduction cases in South India, reveals the data of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The NCRB 2021 data that was released last week states that there have been a total of 811 cases of kidnapping and abduction reported in Bengaluru the previous year.

Among the kidnapping cases, 27 were for ransom. In three cases, girls were abducted to compel the victim for marriage; three were procuration of minor girls and four for human trafficking. The NCRB 2021 data shows that the kidnapping cases have decreased since the outbreak of covid pandemic.

In 2019, 1,053 such cases were reported which went down to 712 in 2020 (when most parts of the city were shut for a long time due to Covid lockdowns). However, it slightly went up to 811 in 2021. The kidnapping rate in the city is as high as 9.5% while the chargesheeting rate is 5.6%.

As Bengaluru leads the tally in south India, neighbouring state capitals like Chennai reported 71 and Hyderabad 513 kidnappings/abductions. However, Delhi is clearly the kidnapping capital of the country with 5,475 cases followed by Mumbai 1,590. Overall in the country, a total of 13,121 cases of kidnapping and abduction were registered during 2021, showing an increase of 27.4% over 2020 (10,297 cases). During 2021, a total of 13,091 kidnapped or abducted persons (3,758 male and 9,333 female) were recovered out of which 13,026 persons were recovered alive and 65 were found dead. Fortunately and due to swift action of police, all the kidnapping and abduction cases in Bengaluru were recovered alive as per the NCRB data.

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Bengaluru # 4 in thefts

As compared to 2, 40,409 cases registered under offences against property in 2020, a total of 2, 76,830 cases were registered in 2021 across the country showing an increase of 15.1% during 2021. The maximum cases were reported under theft (2, 53,068 cases) accounting for 91.4% of total such cases. The maximum theft cases were reported in Delhi (1, 98,133 cases) followed by Jaipur (7,860 cases), Mumbai (7,820 cases) and Bengaluru (6,066 cases) accounting for 78.3%, 3.1%, 3.1% and 2.4% of total theft cases registered respectively.

Meanwhile, the crimes against senior citizens also slightly went up in the country. As per the 2021 data, a total of 4,264 cases of crime against senior citizens (aged above 60 years) were registered in 19 metropolitan cities during 2021 as compared to 4,029 cases during 2020, showing an increase in the registration by 5.8%. Among the motives for the crimes against senior citizens, theft (28.3% of overall cases with 1,208 cases being registered) had the highest share followed by FCF (Forgery, Cheating and Fraud) with 26.4% during 2021.

Faux-paw: What does flex issue have to do with stray dogs?

Nothing much, but it was a blunder that landed letter of public grievance on hoardings ban on Animal Birth Control Dept desk

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A document containing a public grievance that was written to the Chief Minister has turned up in the wrong BBMP department, due to an Under Secretary's alleged callousness. The document -- which is related to the ban on flexes and hoardings -- turned up at the Animal Birth Control Department, much to the activist's shock.

It all began with Citizen Rights Foundation chairman KA Paul writing a letter to the Chief Minister on August 24 regarding the inconvenience caused due to a resolution dated August 6, 2018, bearing number 62/2018-19 passed by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.

The resolution passed by the BBMP Council bans flexes, banners, buntings, hoardings and printing of flexes as they not only ruin the beauty of Bengaluru but also contributing to increase of road accidents.

The BBMP Council, under the guidance of the then Mayor R Sampathraj, passed it, approving the ban for a year. However, it is alleged that an Under Secretary at the CM's office simply forwarded the document to a BBMP department without verifying if it was sent to the correct department concerned.

According to the documents, Under Secretary Uma Devi at the Chief Minister's Office received the complaint from KA Paul, chairman of Citizen Rights Foundation, and made arrangements to upload it on Jana Spandana portal.

"I was shocked to see that instead of forwarding it to the revenue or advertisements' department of the BBMP, the Under Secretary forwarded it to BBMP's Animal Birth Control Department," Paul said.

"Our intention in drawing the Chief Minister's attention is to direct the BBMP authorities to implement the ban effectively. What do we expect from the Chief Minister's Office when the officials working there are not able to assign the right officer or department to redress our grievances?" asked Paul.

Paul again wrote a letter to the Chief Minister on August 29 to know the connection between flexes or banners and the Animal Birth Control Department of the BBMP.

Coming down heavily on apathy and negligence of officers working at the Chief Minister's Office, Shaji Varghese, an advocate, wondered whether such people were qualified to work at the Chief Minister's Office. "It seems the officers working at the Chief Minister's Office are personifications of apathy, negligence and carelessness," said Verghese.

Meanwhile, Haridas, Under Secretary, Chief Minister's Office, confirmed receiving the letter from KA Paul.

"Under Secretary Uma Devi sent the copy to the BBMP but the data entry operator committed the blunder by forwarding to the wrong department of the BBMP. I am conducting an inquiry," said Haridas.

Under Secretary Uma Devi was not available for comment.

File photo of a long banner in the city; despite being declared illegal such ad banners spring up more often than not

Car gutted in accidental fire at petrol bunk

A car got gutted in an accidental fire that broke out when its owner tried to start the ignition at a petrol bunk on Kanakapura Road. The incident happened on Monday.

The car, owned by Satyakumar, a city-based businessman, had run out of fuel a few yards away from the station. He managed to push the vehicle to the fuel station situated at Doddakallasandra.

As soon as he started the ignition, thick smoke engulfed the vehicle followed by fire. The staff of the petrol bunk along with the passers-by tried to put out the fire and alerted the fire services. The fire tenders rushed to the spot in a few minutes later and doused the fire. No one was hurt or injured in the accident.

Cop suspended for misbehaving with hotel receptionist

A police inspector was suspended for misbehaving with a female hotel receptionist in Bengaluru, police said on Monday.

Gopalakrishna Gowda, the Police Inspector is attached to the K.P. Agrahara police station.

According to police, the inspector went to a hotel in Jeevan Bhima Nagar recently and asked for a room for rent.

The inspector, who is said to have been in an inebriated state, abused the female receptionist and created a ruckus. The hotel staff sent the inspector out.

Later, the manager of the hotel complained to DCP East, Bheemashankar Guled.

The manager provided CCTV footage of the hotel premises and the videos taken on mobile.

Jeevan Bhima Nagar police then lodged a miscellaneous complaint. DCP Guled conducted an inquiry and filed a report to the Additional Commissioner Subramanyrshwara Rao implicating the inspector.

Following the report, the accused inspector had been suspended and further investigation is on. **IANS**

Wild wild quest

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According to officials, the department does not have the required number of hands at the lower levels — this is impacting day-to-day functioning.

"Forest patrolling, protection and management are done by forest guards and forest watchers. They are our frontline foot-soldiers. Overall, over 3,000 posts are lying vacant in the department. While the situation is slightly better in the north Karnataka circles, forest and wildlife areas to the tune of 50% or so are facing the staff crunch," said a senior official from the department.

As per official records, the lowest number of vacancies in the Bengaluru circle is of DFROs. While the total available posts under the cadre are 251, only 42 posts are vacant. However, experts said, surveillance of forest areas and protection of wildlife cannot be done sitting in air-conditioned offices.

"When it comes to forest surveillance and management, no shortcut works. The department can hoard up all the possible technology including drones and satellite imagery, but patrolling on foot cannot be replaced. The forest guards and watchers walk on foot and ensure that the forest and wildlife are safe. Otherwise, we are compromising on safety. These vacancies should be filled up fast," said Sharath Babu, wildlife activist.

When compared to the vacancies across all 13 circles in the state, Bengaluru circle is one of the worst. With almost 46% of the posts across all three cadres unoccupied, it is in the second position only next to the Chamarajanagar circle with almost 48% of the posts vacant.

Perilous situation

When all vacancies are combined across 13 circles of the department, around 36% of the posts are dysfunctional. Overall, the department has a sanctioned strength of 8,946 officials and as many as 3,234 posts are lying vacant. Out of these, 812 positions are 'critical'.

	DRFOs	FGs	FWs
Karnataka	3,033 positions, 497 vacancies	4,528 positions, 1587 vacancies	1,385 positions, 1150 vacancies
Bangalore Circle	251 positions, 42 vacancies	378 positions, 158 vacancies	175 positions, 167 vacancies

Yet again, most of the posts that are unoccupied are of FGs and FWs — frontline personnel of the department who guard against incidents such as forest fires, wildlife poaching, timber smuggling and other activities that pose threat to the forest ecosystem.

Across Karnataka, while 83% of forest watcher posts are vacant, as many as 35% of the forest guard jobs are without incumbents. According to officials, while the regular recruitment process is on, the great vacancy void created during 2005 is still lingering.

"There was a complete ban on recruitment across many departments in Karnataka, including the forest department, till 2005. That led to this great vacancy vacuum. However, we are recruiting people in phases. All the positions cannot be filled up at the same time.

It has to be staggered because filing up all the posts at one go will exert a lot of pressure on resources. Moreover, all incumbents will reach the retirement age together as well, which will be difficult to manage. That said, the process can surely be accelerated," said the official.

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I, Azgar Husain Abdul Rahmansab, S/o. Abdul Rahmansab, R/o. 6/48, GS Shivarudrappa Road, Subhash Nagar, B/h KEB, Blr-562106, have changed my name to AZGAR HUSSAIN vide affidavit dt: 27/08/22 before Notary M. Rajendra, B'lr.

I, SHOIB PARVEZ S/o, Irshad Ahmed and Residing at Azeez Manzil, New Gurappana Palya, 8th Cross, Banerghatta Road, Bengaluru 560029 have changed my name to SHOAIB PARVEZ vide affidavit dated 29.08.2022 sworn before notary B V Nagabhushana, Bangalore.

I Ambika Naik R/a. 2/2A, RMV Flat No-204, Opp: Kashi Eshwara Swamy Temple, Agara Village, HSR Layout, Sec-1 B'lore-560102 have changed my name to Ambika Rijesh vide affidavit dtd: 27.08.2022, before Notary B.M. Chandrashekar

I, Savitha.N, R/o No.26, G-Floor, 1st Block, Near Saibaba Temple, Thyagarajanagar, Bengaluru 560028 have changed my name to SAVITHA TEMKAR SHAILESH affidavit Dt.29/08/2022 notary K.V Mani, B'luru

I, Vinay T, R/o #2651, 8th B Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-70, has changed my minor daughter's name from Varshita VM to Varshita Vinay vide affidavit Dt: 26-08-2022 at Bangalore-41

I, Vinay T, R/o #2651, 8th B Main, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-70, has changed my minor daughter's name from Prajna VM to Prajna Vinay vide affidavit Dt: 26-08-2022 at B'lore-41

I, Shraddha R/o No 203, 2nd Floor, A Blk, Oceanus Triton, Kaikondrahalli, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru Pin:560103, Karnataka, India have changed my name to Shraddha Mishra

LOST & FOUND

I, Pradeep Kumar S/o. Mr. Birendra Prasad, aged 42 yrs, R/o No. 2A 504, "AKME ENCORE", Kundalahalli Main Road, Kundalahalli, Bangalore - 560037, have lost Original Sale Deed, vide document No. INR-1-03341-2012-13, date 04.10.2012, with CD No. INRD45, Of Book 1, Registered in office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Indiranagar) Bangalore, While Transit. Finders Please Contact: 8600110960

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Hijab issue pleas: SC issues notice to State Government

 # New Delhi

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to Karnataka government over a batch of pleas challenging the Karnataka High Court's judgement upholding the ban on Hijab in educational institutes.

A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and Sudhanshu Dhulia also clarified that it will not accept requests for adjourning the matter and said, "We will not allow this type of forum shopping."

The court said that it will hear the matter seeking a stay and challenging Karnataka High Court's judgement on September 5

The court pulled up the petitioner for seeking adjournment and said earlier a plea seeking an urgent listing was sought and now you want the hearing adjourned. "We will not allow this," the court said.

Various petitioners have approached the apex court challenging the Karnataka HC order upholding the Karnataka government's order which directs strict enforcement of schools and colleges uniform rules.

One of the appeals in the top court has alleged "step-motherly behaviour of government authorities which has prevented students from practising their faith and resulted in an unwanted law and order situation". The appeal said the High Court in its impugned order "had vehemently failed to apply its mind and was unable to understand the gravity of the situation as well as the core aspect of the Essential Religious Practices enshrined under Article 25 of the Constitution of India".

"Wearing of Hijab or headscarf is a practice that is essential to the practice of Islam," it added.

A bench of Karnataka High Court comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Justice Krishna S Dixit, and Justice JM Khazi had earlier held that the prescription of uniforms is a reasonable restriction that students could not object to and dismissed various petitions challenging a ban on Hijab in education institutions saying they are without merit.

The Hijab row erupted in January this year when the Government PU College in Udupi allegedly barred six girls wearing the hijab from entering. Following this, the girls sat in protest outside college over being denied entry.

After this, boys of several colleges in Udupi started attending classes wearing saffron scarves. This protest spread to other parts of the state as well leading to protests and agitations in several places in Karnataka.

As a result, the Karnataka government said that all students must adhere to the uniform and banned both hijab and saffron scarves till an expert committee decided on the issue. **ANI**

Road-dripping in Bengaluru

Rain havoc: Expressway turns into waterway

CM visits flooded Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway on Monday, says drains need widening

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The Bengaluru-Mysuru was completely flooded, disrupting the traffic on Monday as heavy rainfall pounded Ramanagara District for the third consecutive day.

During the first two days, the service roads and a few stretches were inundated. However, on Monday, the scene got worse as the entire underbridge got flooded with vehicles submerging under water.

Locals and the police helped the passengers stuck in the vehicles.

The Bengaluru-Mysuru Highway has one of the highest traffic density. However, the condition of the road in the last two days has made many motorists scared and they're now rescheduling their travel plans to Mysuru till the situation improves.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who visited the spot on Monday admitted that there is a need to widen the drainage systems.

"I will soon call a meeting of the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) officials to discuss the issue. Instead of waiting for the contractors to begin work, we will ask respective deputy commissioners to take up the immediate steps. Union Transport Minister Gadkari is likely to visit Bengaluru next week and I will discuss the issue of the highway with him."

However, Mysuru MP Pratap Simha said that the damage was due to nature's fury and not because of substandard work. "If you receive heavy rainfall in such proportions, then what can be done? However, I can say that this is not substandard work. We had never heard of lakes overflowing due to heavy rainfall in the last 25 years. I will take complete responsibility for this road work as the concessionaire is responsible for the next 15 days. One of the reasons for flooding of the highway is due to a portion of the hillock being washed away in the rain. The mud blocked the drains and hence the roads were flooded," Simha said. Meanwhile, Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of incessant rainfall for the next four days in the state.

There is a yellow alert issued for Coastal districts like Dakshina Kannada, Uttara Kannada and Udupi are likely to receive heavy rainfall with thunder and lightning.

Following heavy rainfall, holiday has been declared for schools and colleges in bordering Chamarajanagar District. Heavy downpour also affected vehicular movement on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway. People took to twitter to highlight the plight of the highway. Five persons have died in rain-related tragedies in Mysuru, Koppal and Ballary districts.

Belagavi, Gadag, Koppal, Haveri, Dharwad, Ballari, Davanagere, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Chikkaballapur, Kolar and Ramanagara districts.

Bengaluru woke up to a rainy morning on the first day of the week with drizzles and light showers hampering morning rush in the city.

After three days of continuous rainfall, Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway was completely flooded leaving many commuters stuck in the water

> **"If you receive heavy rainfall in such proportions, then what can be done? However I can say that this is not substandard work** –Pratap Simha, MP

Tractors to traverse water woes in layout

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Residents of Rainbow Drive Layout use tractors to commute after the Halanayakanahalli Lake overflowed and flooded the area.

The residents of the area said that after the last time this place was flooded was on August 12 and they complained to the BBMP authorities hoping that this situation would not occur again. However, almost three weeks later, the residents found themselves in the same situation again. They said that authorities have helped them in pushing out the water but a holistic approach is needed to tackle the problem.

Rajesh G, a resident of the area, said, "There are so many senior people as well as kids living in this area and it is getting very difficult for them. The area has been flooded since Saturday and there is still so much water over here. It is extremely important for the authorities to focus on preventing the lake beach so that this situation does not happen again."

People were forced to use tractors to commute as cars and other vehicles were stuck due to flooding. Rishi Joshi, another resident of the area, said, "We have been stuck for two days at home. Water is everywhere and it is just us residents helping each other. The lake has not been desilted for a very long time and the bunds have also not been lifted."Many students were forced to go to school on a tractor.

Ashok Kumar, a resident, said, "My daughter had to use the tractor to go to school so that she can attend her classes. We cannot just use tractors every time it rains."

Spreading hope about Spinal Muscular Atrophy

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To commemorate Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) month, a group of experts on Sunday shared their experiences of fighting this rare genetic disorder at an event held at Bangalore Baptist Hospital.

SMA is characterised by weakness and wasting (atrophy) in muscles used for movement (skeletal muscles) and its medicines are unaffordable for many. It is a progressive disease that robs a ected people of their ability to walk, breathe and swallow is the leading cause of inherited death in babies and has an incidence of around 1 in 6,000.

Experts from the hospital, a collaborative rare disease centre established with the Organisation for Rare Diseases India (ORDI), spoke about spreading awareness about this disorder. ORDI is a national umbrella organisation representing the collective voice of all patients with rare diseases in India.

The experts said rare diseases like SMA are difficult to handle and live with. The advent of revolutionary newer therapies has changed the lives of many babies and families. But, there is still a lot of struggle in accessing the specialised supportive care that goes with this condition.

> **Increased awareness of these conditions will help more families avail themselves of these treatments and empower them while inspiring future generations** –Ann Agnes Mathew, Bangalore Baptist Hospital

To make matters worse, specialist expertise is often scarce, making the geographic distances patients have to travel a major obstacle. This makes collaboration the only way of bringing some solace and improving the quality of life, for these children and young people.

Dr Ann Agnes Mathew, Head of Neuromuscular Services, Bangalore Baptist Hospital, said, "The event aimed to reduce this gap of delayed and incorrect diagnosis. Neuromuscular disorders especially SMA have seen an explosion of newer drugs and therapies. But they need to reach affected families. Increased awareness of these conditions will help more families avail themselves of these treatments and empower them as well as hopefully, inspire future generations to answer these unanswered and unsolved problems that Individuals affected with rare diseases always face."

Prasanna Shirol, Co-founder and Executive Director of ORDI India, added that SMA patients are fortunate to have two types of treatment whereas 95 per cent of rare diseases do not have any treatment for them. He said they have children who got access to the treatment under the free therapy program of the companies and are doing well. Unfortunately, this treatment is not covered by the government under the National Policy for Rare Diseases.

Phogat death: Goa police to visit Haryana

Sonali Phogat death case: Goa Police to visit Haryana on Tuesday for investigation. Earlier in the day, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has said that if the need arises, the case will be transferred to the CBI

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'New method for listing of matters in SC soon'

Chief Justice Lalit says mechanism to be devised by Thursday

#NEW DELHI

A new mechanism for the listing of matters will be devised soon, Chief Justice of India UU Lalit said on Monday, his first working day in the Supreme Court as the CJI.

He asked lawyers to mention cases for urgent hearings before the registrar rather than requesting the first court to entertain such pleas.

"We will have a new mechanism by Thursday. Till then, we will look at it in chamber and if urgent we will list it... For mentioning, we will go back to the original practice of mentioning before the registrar," the CJI said.

The observation came after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta sought to know about the mechanism of mentioning the matters before the bench.

As the bench headed by the chief justice of India commenced proceedings for the day, Mehta welcomed CJI Lalit and assured him of full support from the government. Senior advocate Dushyant Dave also wished the CJI on behalf of the entire bar.

Over 900 petitions, including 60 PILs, were listed before the top court on Monday along with pleas against the Karnataka High Court verdict that wearing hijab by women doesn't form an essential part of religious practice in Islam.

A file photo of the Supreme Court

CJI Lalit, who was holding the bench along with Justice S Ravindra Bhat, heard 62 petitions out of which 10 were Public Interest Litigations.

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, the senior-most judge in the Supreme Court, was sworn in as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on Saturday. As CJI, Justice Lalit will have a short tenure of 74 days and demit office on November 8 on attaining the age of 65 years. Justice D Y Chandrachud, the senior-most judge after Justice Lalit, is next in line to be the country's top judge.

Justice S M Sikri, who became the 13th CJI in January 1971, was the first lawyer to be elevated directly to the top court in March 1964.

Justice Lalit, who was a senior advocate before being appointed a judge of the apex court on August 13, 2014, has been part of several landmark verdicts including the one which held the practice of divorce through instant 'triple talaq' among Muslims illegal and unconstitutional. He was appointed a special public prosecutor for the CBI to conduct the trial in the 2G spectrum allocation case.

-PTI

Reliance Jio partners with tech biggies to roll out 5G in India

#NEW DELHI

As Reliance Jio gets prepared to launch standalone 'True 5G' services by Diwali this year in key metro cities, the company has partnered some of the world's leading technology giants as strong partners in the 'made in India' 5G collaboration.

While Jio partnered Mark Zuckerberg-led Meta (formering Facebook) for immersive technology, it has collaborated with Google to develop ultra-affordable 5G smartphones. On Cloud, Jio has partnered Google Cloud and Microsoft Azure to ensure a vibrant ecosystem of cloud-enabled business applications and solutions for its millions of users.

The company has picked chipmaker Intel for cloud-scale data centres and 5G edge locations, while it has robust relationships with leading global network technology providers like Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung and Cisco. Jio also forged a collaboration with Qualcomm to develop 5G solutions for India, which can be taken to the rest of the world.

Using JioAirFiber, people can do away with all expenses related to buying computer hardware and periodically upgrading it, and opt to use a virtual PC hosted in the cloud -- called Jio Cloud PC.

Mukesh Ambani virtually addresses the 45th Annual General Meeting of Reliance Industries Limited

With no upfront investment or tension of periodical upgrading, a user needs to pay only to the extent used, resulting in a super-affordable way to bring the power of a PC, even multiple PCs, to every Indian home and business. Meta and Jio Platforms also announced the launch of the first-ever end-to-end shopping experience on WhatsApp, where consumers can shop from JioMart right within their WhatsApp chat.

Jio will launch 5G services in four metro cities -- Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai -- by Diwali. **-IANS**

Dumka killing: Deceased cremated, Section 144 imposed

#DUMKA (JHARKHAND)

Ankita Singh, who succumbed to injuries after being set ablaze by a boy for allegedly turning down his proposal, was cremated on Monday morning.

Accused Shahrukh was arrested on August 23. People protested after the Class 12 girl was set ablaze by Shahrukh in Dumka.

She succumbed to her burn injuries yesterday. Meanwhile, Section 144 has been imposed in Dumka which prohibits the gathering of four or more people in the concerned area. Chief Minister Hemant Soren said, "Such people should not be forgiven, they should be given the strictest of punishments. Laws should be brought in to further strengthen the existing laws for such incidents."

Protests after a Jharkhand student was burnt to death

"A lot of evil acts are being seen in society. This incident is heart-wrenching and the law is taking its course. The accused has been arrested. It is our effort to see that he is punished at the earliest," Soren added."The accused Shahrukh has been arrested. We'll apply at fast track court for a fast trial. People are cooperating with us. We appeal to people to maintain peace. The situation is under control and Sec 144 has been imposed," said Dumka SP Ambar Lakda.

-ANI

NEET-PG counselling deferred, likely in third week of Sept

#NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry on Monday deferred the NEET-PG counselling for admission to post-graduate medical courses, which was scheduled to begin from September 1, to allow the National Medical Commission to complete the process of adding new seats.

Though the ministry has not announced the revised schedule, official sources said the counselling is likely to begin in the third week of September.

"...the NEET-PG Counselling, 2022 was scheduled to commence from September 1. However, National Medical Commission (NMC) is in the process of issuing new letter of permissions (LoPs) for the current academic year and the same will be concluded till September 15. "Hence, in order to include more seats in the counselling for the benefit of the candidates, it has been decided by the competent authority to re-schedule the NEET-PG Counselling, 2022 which was scheduled to commence from September 1," the ministry said in a notice.

Also, regulatory inspections in some medical colleges are underway, sources said. Usually, the NEET-PG, is held in January and the counselling starts in March. But because of the covid-19 pandemic and the delay in last year's admission process, this year's exam was held on May 21 and results were declared on June 1, a senior official said.

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Engine problem stalls NASA's new moon rocket

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A fuel leak and then an engine problem during final liftoff preparations led NASA to call off the launch of its mighty new moon rocket Monday on its debut flight with three test dummies aboard.

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The next launch attempt will not take place until Friday at the earliest and could be off until next month.The flight, when it happens, will be the first launch in NASA's Artemis project, a quest to put astronauts back on the moon for the time since the Apollo program ended 50 years ago. As precious minutes ticked away Monday morning, NASA repeatedly stopped and started the fuelling of the Space Launch System rocket with nearly 1 million gallons of super-cold hydrogen and oxygen because of a leak of highly explosive hydrogen. The leak happened in the same place that saw seepage during a dress rehearsal back in the spring.

Then, NASA ran into new trouble when it was unable to properly chill one of the rocket's four main engines, officials said. Engineers continued working to pinpoint the source of the problem after the launch postponement was announced.

The NASA moon rocket stands on Pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Center, in Cape Canaveral

"This is a very complicated machine, a very complicated system, and all those things have to work, and you don't want to light the candle until it's ready to go," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

Referring to launch delays, Nelson said: "It's just part of the space business and it's part of, particularly, a test flight." The rocket was set to lift off on a flight to propel a crew capsule into orbit around the moon. The six-week mission was scheduled to end with the capsule returning to Earth in a splashdown in the Pacific in October.

The 322-foot (98-meter) spaceship is the most powerful rocket ever built by NASA, out-muscling even the Saturn V that the Apollo astronauts rode. As for when NASA might make another liftoff attempt, launch commentator Derrol Nail said engineers were still analyzing the engine problem and "we must wait to see what shakes out from their test data."

No astronauts were inside the rocket's Orion capsule. Instead, the test dummies, fitted with sensors to measure vibration, cosmic radiation and other conditions, were strapped in for the shakedown flight, meant to stress-test the spacecraft and push it to its limits in ways that would never be attempted with humans aboard.

HEALTH TIP: Bananas are packed with antioxidants that can help in stimulating hair growth

Food rich in complex carbohydrates such as oatmeal can help in easing anxiety

Manage your money

Are you young and struggling to manage your finances? We are here to guide you.

The most coveted kind of independence is financial freedom. However, even those with the highest incomes might become deeply in debt due to a lack of personal money management skills. Financial management is a fantastic strategy to reach your financial objectives and can help you have a better understanding of where and how you are spending your money. Here are some suggestions to assist you in managing your finances for improved financial results.

Budget it up

Budgeting is the process of creating a plan to spend your money. It basically entails listing down all your expenses and allocating funds to them, balancing your expenses with your income. This plan allows you to determine in advance whether you have enough money to meet your expenses and potential shortfalls. This simple exercise can help with prioritising your expenses. Following a budget or spending plan will also keep you out of debt or help you work your way out of debt if you are currently in debt.

Save before you spend

Youngsters who have joined the workforce and are earning handsome pay tend to be under the impression that they are financially secure for life. As a result, most of them avoid or even ignore investing for long-term or even short-term financial gains. While savings will help you meet your daily expenses, they are better utilised when they are invested in long-term investment opportunities. An important aspect of financial management is to set an investment objective based on your priorities in life. Do you need money to fund higher studies? Is marriage on the cards? Are you a young parent? Based on your requirements, you can choose from various types of investments such as mutual funds, fixed deposits, real estate, government bonds or corporate bonds, stocks etc. These can provide investors with good returns at the end of an investment tenure, while also working as a corpus to pay for emergency needs.

Compounding your money

The power of compounding Einstein once said "Compound interest is the 8th wonder of the world. He who understands it earns it and who doesn't pay it." The power of compounding adds the profit earned back to the principal amount and reinvests the entire sum to accelerate the profit-earning process. Compounding is a long-term investment strategy and it benefits the most when one starts early. The longer your money is invested, the more time it has to grow. When it comes to compounding returns, time is an advantage. The trick is to contribute regularly and consistently, regardless of the amount. Even small contributions made each month will grow.

Choose safe lending options

Sudden unplanned expenses or emergencies can sometimes mean we may not be able to meet our financial needs at all times. While being cash-strapped between pay cycles can be alluring to take payday loans but these loans can cost you severely. Payday lenders often charge high-interest rates and fees and have significantly higher penalty/late fee charges. Other options such as credit cards and Buy Now Pay Later programmes can provide convenience but also charge interest and late fees that can be expensive. Instead, opt for solutions like Salary On-Demand that lets you access your earned but unpaid salary instantly without any loans or high fees.

Ask the experts

As a young adult don't make the mistake of thinking that you're too young to manage your finances, or too rich to keep track of them. Talk to financial advisors and make the right decision based on your needs. It's never too late to start learning and honing your financial literacy to better understand banking, budgeting, handling debt and credit, and investing.

Whatever stage of life you're in right now, having a prudent plan for personal finance management is a must and it matters because it will help you live a good life now and in the future!

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All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I've been with my husband for 15 years and we have one daughter. Apart from the usual relationship ups and downs, I've always thought of us as happily married.
However, I found out that he had a short-lived affair with a new colleague at his work. I discovered it as he was careless with his phone and I saw the texts.
We've talked a lot about what happened and why. He says since we had our daughter, who's seven, he's felt we've grown apart and taken each other for granted, and he was drawn in by this other woman because she paid him a lot of attention.
He's done a lot of apologising, but he acts as if this absolves him of any wrongdoing and I think he expects me to feel sorry for him!
I can't - I feel like my heart's been ripped out.
Please advise.

COLEEN SAYS

Well, acknowledging what he did and expressing remorse is a start but, of course, it's not enough. Being open about it now doesn't take away the fact that he made the choice to have an affair and he also made the effort to hide it from you.
He's betrayed you, so that takes a lot of work to come back from. If you want to stay together, you have to accept it's a process and it'll take time.
You have to turn your focus to the relationship now and talk through why it was vulnerable. An affair is often a symptom of a relationship that's broken or struggling rather than being the actual cause of your problems. So you have to be honest about that - you say you thought the marriage was strong and happy, but your husband obviously didn't feel the same way.
If you can't talk to each other honestly, then think about relationship counselling.
But it's not your job to make him feel better and relieve his guilt - he needs to own it and prove through his actions that you can trust him again..

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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New protein drink to control type 2 diabetes

The number of people who develop type 2 diabetes with raised blood sugar is rising with no signs of slowing down. But what if taking a food supplement could help to control blood sugar?

Newcastle University researchers think they've found an answer: drinking a small amount of whey protein before meals can help people with type 2 diabetes to do this.

In the study, people with type 2 diabetes drank a shot before meals containing a low dose of whey protein. Their glucose levels were monitored for a normal active week. The same participants then drank a control shot containing no protein for a week in order to compare the results.

For the experiment, 18 people with type 2 diabetes consumed a 100ml shot with 15g of protein 10 minutes before breakfast, lunch and dinner over seven days while remaining on their diabetes medication.

Continuous glucose monitoring automatically tracked blood glucose levels over the course of the week and revealed that these

were much better controlled when taking the whey before meals.

On average, participants had two hours extra a day of normal blood sugar levels compared to the control week.

Dr Daniel West, senior lecturer and principal investigator working with the Human Nutrition Research Centre and Diabetes Research Group at Newcastle University, said, "We believe that the whey protein works in two ways, firstly, by slowing down how quickly food passes through the digestive system, and secondly, by stimulating a number of important hormones that prevent the blood sugars climbing so high."

The team intends to run the study on a larger scale and for up to six months using pea protein, fungi and potatoes to open up options for vegan and religious dietary needs.

—Daily Mirror

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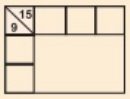
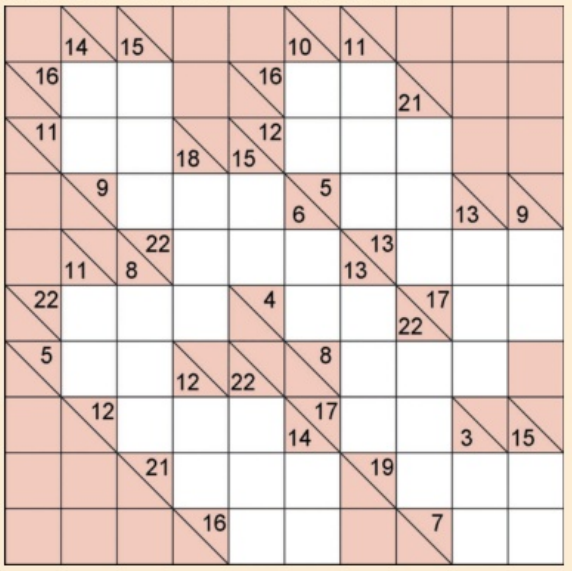


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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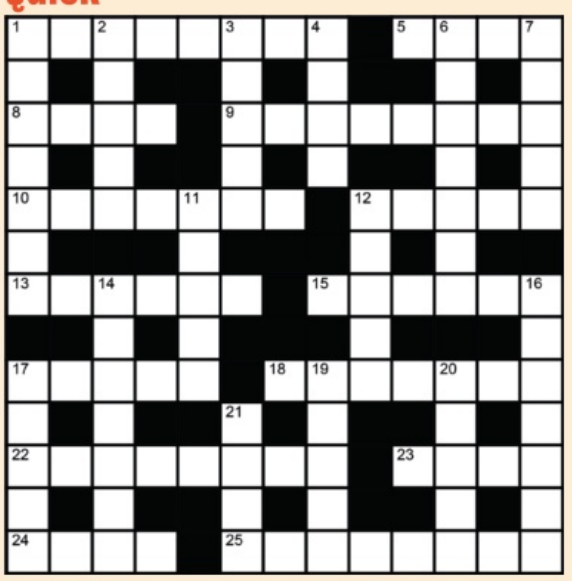


ACROSS

1 Being broadcast? (2,3,3)
5 Slightly open (4)
8 Pointed tooth (4)
9 Unusual or eccentric (8)
10 Scorched or burned (7)
12 Changes position (5)
13 Ethnic (6)
15 Excessive pride (6)
17 Incisor or canine (5)
18 Mumbai ____ :2011 CLT20 Champions (7)
22 1983 World Cup winning captain (5,3)
23 Ore source (4)
24 Fiddling emperor (4)
25 Freed (8)

DOWN

1 Policeman (7)
2 Polynesian kingdom (5)
3 Conscious of (5)
4 Sound a bell (4)
6 Restaurant at the Leela Place (7)
7 Turns over (5)
11 Coarse fish (5)
12 Fungoidal growths (5)
14 A helicopter? (7)
16 Hang; interrupt (7)
17 Spoken for (5)
19 Fictional work (5)
20 Operatic airs (5)
21 European river (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: D EQUALS U

ITD VCBCP PCLMAFC ZTY JZTPU L STVUZ AJ DVUAM ITD WLI LMASTVI.

Linemaro

I like what you are doing with your everything

Mindchow

Talk slow but think quick

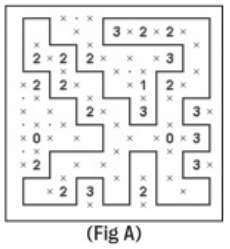
Joke of the day

Q: Why did the doughnut shop close?
A: The owner got tired of the hole business

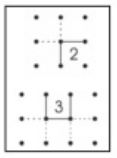
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



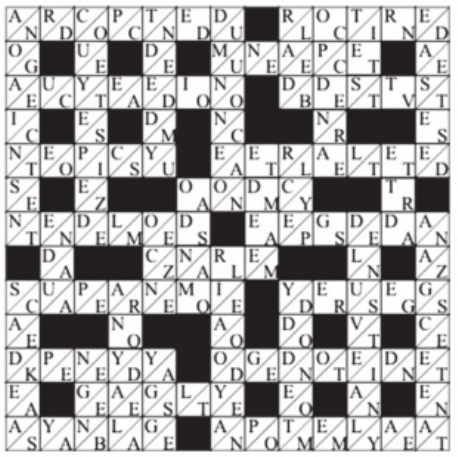
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

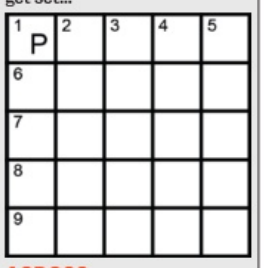
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

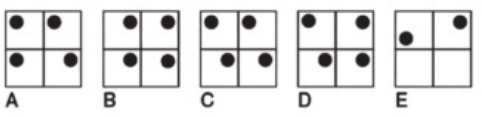
1 Prats; 6 Ailed; 7 So sly; 8 A be at; 9 Re Few

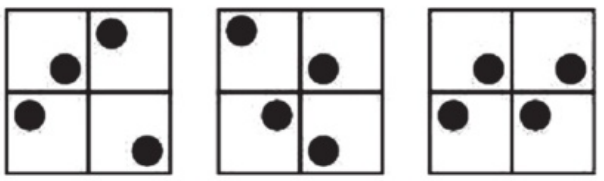
DOWN

1 A flip; 2 Abode; 3 Wears; 4 Tates; 5 Lyres

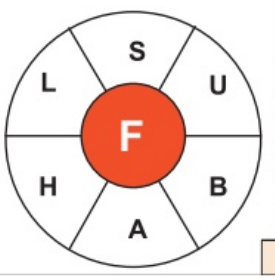
Mensapuzzle

What comes next in the above sequence?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 06 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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	7		8		3		4	
5			1		9			2
	8		5		2		1	
		8				3		
6	1	5				2	8	7
			7		6			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 2

1 3 4 6

Medium = 13

6 6 6 7

Hard = 54

1 4 6 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

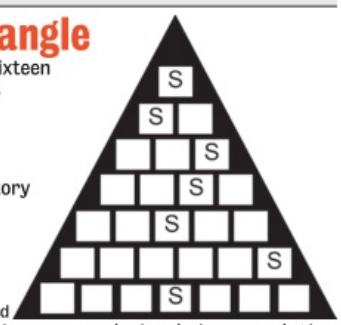
Differences: 1. Store windows are moved. 2. License plate is missing. 3. Bow tie is added. 4. Bumper is missing. 5. Coat is longer. 6. Hair is longer.

Riddler

Take away my first letter and I am a store. Take away the second and people who look at me adore. Put all my letters back and read me in reverse if you are able. I am now cars suspended from an overhead cable. Take a letter away and I become male sheep. Did you get it, or did the letters you try to keep?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number Sixteen
2 South East, abbr.
3 Court matter
4 Ascended
5 Also-ran
6 Bay windows
7 More unsatisfactory (informal)



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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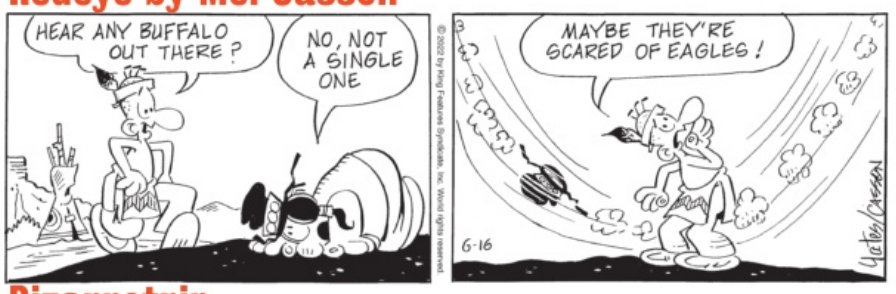

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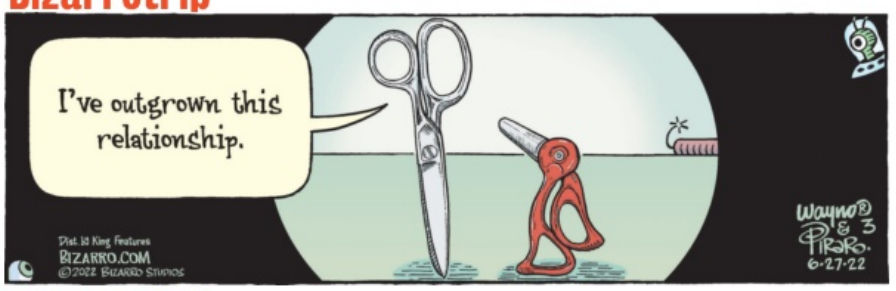

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

KAT
THE SPELLING BEE!! WE NEED TO PREPARE!
NOT AGAIN... I DON'T WANNA GO TO A SPELLING BEE! COOL KIDS DON'T NEED TO SPELL.
IS HEART COOL? WHY IS SHE HANGING OUT WITH US?
BECAUSE SHE'S NOT COOL.
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Crankshaft

YOU KNOW, EXPECTING YOUR INVESTMENTS TO ONLY GO UP... IS LIKE TRYING TO MAKE AN OMELET WITHOUT BREAKING ANY EGGS.
WE SHOULD TRY TO LOOK AT THIS DIP WE'RE GOING THROUGH AS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
AS OPPOSED TO THE DISPIRITING, SOUL-SUCKING HEARTBREAK THAT IT IS!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may feel happy. Old health issues may be cured. Money which was stuck may be recovered now, boosting your financial health. Working people may change their job or seek a promotion. Job seekers may get job with the help of a friend's reference.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may understand the value of intellectual asset. You will be able to control your anger which may help you to perform your task smoothly. Some financial gains are on their way. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money on loved ones. Young lovers will enjoy some romantic moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You may feel dull today and may not be able to enjoy the moment. You may be in the hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may be low which may affect your day to day work. Your projects are likely to be delayed, it may affect your professional life. Before taking any important decision, you are advised to take advice from your elders.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be energetic, and more focused which may speed up your work. Your subordinates may help you to start a new project, which may give you profit in near future. You may expect some short trips related to your family issues. Job seeker may hear some good news.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may use your creativity in office or at home, which may enhance your social status. You may be able to control your expenditure on worth less things, which may increase your savings. Love birds are likely to get some support from their family members for marriage. Students may hear good news in terms of academics.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be relaxed after a messy situation. Your inner strength may help you to implements some difficult decisions in parental business. You may help needy people around, which may increase your social respect. Students might get clarity in terms of career choices.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel dull, your health may not be good. You may also have anxiety and restlessness. You are advised to postpone your important investments in the business or real estates. You are advised to avoid rash driving. You should avoid long distance travelling also. You may do some meditation, as it will be helpful in sound sleep.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today blessing from elders may make you happy, your investments may give you profits. Loses will be converted into profits now. Your savings may boost your bank balance. You may plan to invest for kid's future also. You may also enjoy some delicious food at home. Your problems related to throat, teeth, ear or nose might get resolved now.

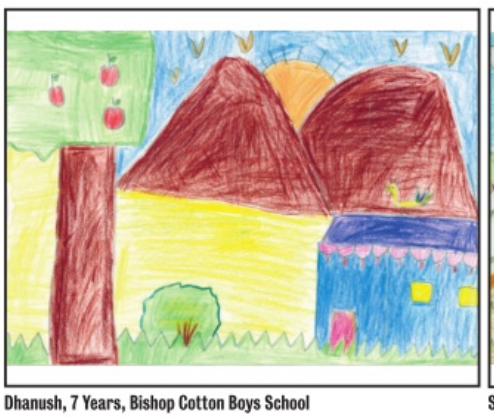
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may enjoy work, and may get promotion after your hard work. You are likely to help some needy person. Overworking may make you tired. Due to the increased work load, you may not be able to reach some family get together. Your parents health will better.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today projects which were stopped without a reason, may start automatically. You may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work related trip. You may also visit to some religious place to maintain your internal strength. Your elders may show you the right path to achieve your goals.

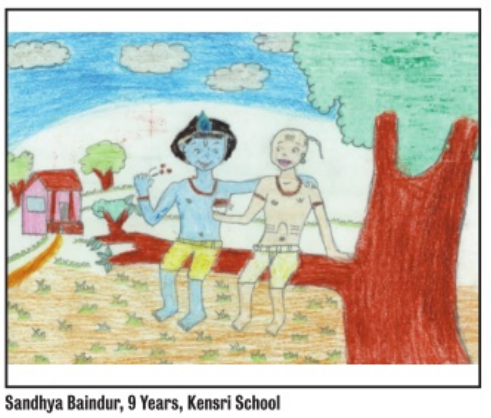
Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull and also face health issues. It is advised to keep your mind cool. Read documents carefully before signing. You may face difficulty to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid to go for adventure tour. Students are advised to go for in depth study to get success.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be busy at home. You may buy some artefacts or creative stuff to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may also invest in properties and other fixed assets. You are likely to enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may increase emotional relationship. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage.

KIDZONE



Dhanush, 7 Years, Bishop Cotton Boys School



Sandhya Baindur, 9 Years, Kensri School

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
9–5x0+0 = 9–0+5 = 9+5 = 14

RIDDLER
Smart! In order: mart, art, tram, rams

QUOTE UNCODE
You never realize how short a month is until you pay alimony.

BULL'S EYE
BASHFUL, flab, flash, flub, flush, half

FAST FIVE

F	E	W	E	R
A	B	A	T	E
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
D: looking across, the dot in the top left-hand quarter moves to the opposite corner, the dot in the top right-hand quarter moves one corner anti clockwise at each stage, the dot in the bottom left-hand quarter moves between the top two corners, and the dot in the bottom right-hand moves one corner clockwise at each stage.

SUDOKU

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9	2	4	6	1	7	5	3	8
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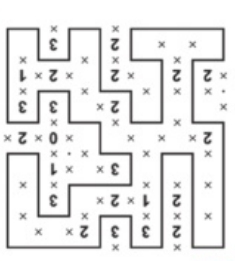
ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, SE, Res, Rose, Loser, Orlels, Louiser.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 3 + 1 – 6 = 2
Medium
6 + 6 – 6 + 7 = 13
Hard
4 + 4 + 1 x 6 = 54

LOOP



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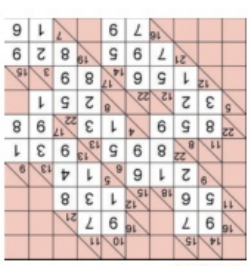

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 # Big B, life-size
An Indian American has installed a life-size statue of film star Amitabh Bachchan outside his home in New Jersey state

The one that got away

Kriti Sanon reveals she had a shot at landing role in SOTY

Kriti Sanon, who will be seen gracing the next episode of Karan Johar's Koffee With Karan Season 7 with Tiger Shroff, revealed on the show that she had a shot at landing a role in 'Student Of The Year'.

Yes, you read that right! Kriti Said, "This was right when I had started modelling. It was my career's very first film audition and I was asked to dance to 'Bahara' and some scenes from 'Wake Up Sid!'. I was horrible back then."

Elaborating further, Kriti also added that she was ill-prepared for the film and that she held no hard feelings toward the film's lead, Alia Bhatt. The movie also marked the debut of Varun Dhawan and Sidharth Malhotra.

Kriti, on the other hand, made her big Bollywood debut opposite Tiger Shroff in 'Heropanti'. The movie received positive reviews from the audience and the critics alike. After their debut film together, Kriti and Tiger are reuniting for their next, 'Ganapath: Part One'. The actress will be seen doing some high octane action sequences in the film.

"This was right when I had started modelling. It was my first film audition

—ETimes

Has SRK turned down Don 3?

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan is currently juggling multiple projects. He will soon be seen in three highly anticipated projects 'Jawan', 'Pathan' and 'Dunki'. As he is all set to wrap these films with the last leg of shoot, the superstar is once again taking out time to pick up different projects and read more scripts.

Buzz is that, after the box office failure of Zero, the actor has become super careful on choosing the appropriate projects for his upcoming outings.

Amid being offered multiple scripts, Shah Rukh was also offered the script of Don 3. According to a report in Bollywood Hungama, the actor has turned it down for the time being.

The report further revealed that Shah Rukh wants to be very sure of the script before taking up Don 3. Since the film is one of most highly anticipated sequels, Shah Rukh wants to be careful of the storyline before signing the project. It's not like he didn't like the script, he is just 'not fully convinced'.

Since, Don is one of his most iconic roles, he would rethink about the same. The box office scenario is not very healthy in the industry at the moment, and hence, he would like to step into the character once he's completely confident of the script.

On a closing note, the source shared, Farhan Akhtar too has gone back to the drawing board to make the changes, which might convince the superstar to come on board.

Months ago, rumours were rife after Big B shared a photo of a crowd outside a theatre after his film Don, which had been released in 1978. He even shared a photo of him with Shah Rukh.

ETimes had later confirmed that producers Excel Entertainment are indeed planning a sequel to Don and Don 2.

—ETimes

'I was coming with baggage, was scared'

Late actor Irrfan Khan's son Babil on Monday said he was still coming to terms with his father's death when he went to audition for Anvita Dutt's film "Qala", which marks his screen debut.

Irrfan Khan, one of India's finest and most versatile actors, died in 2020.

At the Netflix's Films Day event, Babil said he wanted to work on "Qala" even before reading its script but was in a "vulnerable" state as the audition was scheduled around the time his father had passed away.

"... It was the time Baba had passed away and I was broken and vulnerable.

"When I reached (production house) Clean Slate Filmz, they made me feel so safe. I was coming with some baggage and was so scared. She (Dutt) was making an epic and even through all of that, she took so much care of me. I cannot thank her enough. The way she hugged me, it was precious," the aspiring actor told reporters here.

Time of the diva

Taylor Swift won the award for video of the year for All Too Well at MTV Video Music Awards

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Multi-faceted talent

Meet psychologist-cum-actress Namratha Surendranath, who is elated about playing the lead role alongside Vijaya Raghavendra in Kaddha Chitra directed by Suhas Krishna. "It is my seventh movie. I play Vijaya Raghavendra's wife. I also wrote dialogues and an English lyric for this movie," said Namratha. Vijaya Raghavendra plays a writer. "Vijaya plays an arrogant writer and I am the wife who is responsible for his success. The script revolves around plagiarism," said Namratha, adding she has been choosy with movies as she is working as a psychologist at an educational institution. Vijaya said he merely followed the director's advice while facing the camera. "Its title indicates plagiarism but I did not indulge in plagiarism in making this movie," Suhas Krishna said.

Music & directing

Stephen Prayog, a music composer for many Kannada and Tamil movies, has graduated to director. Prayog, who has won the Karnataka State Award for composing music for Paris Pranaya, has directed a short movie Deepu Gelayara Balaga.

"I had an idea of directing a movie during the covid pandemic but I did know much about direction. I got training in direction online from New York Film Academy. It is the best course and helped me a lot. Later I prepared the script and consulted my friends and well-wishers. All the artistes who acted in this movie are from a theater group," said Prayog. The story of Deepu Geleyara Balga is about the problems that a software engineer who loses job as part of cost cutting measures during the covid pandemic faces and how his close friends don't help him on one or the other pretext. The movie also conveys a message to youths on the importance of saving or keeping money for a rainy day. "I too faced similar incidents during the pandemic," said Prayog.

Prayog has also written the script and composed music for this movie.